

13th September 2017

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Final (Assessed) Expeditions
14-16th October 2017

You will be aware that your son/daughter is completing the route planning for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and will be undertaking their final assessed expedition on 15-17th October 2016.

The final expedition will take place between Wiveliscombe and Watchet, taking in the outskirts of Exmoor and the Quantock Hills, and include camping over 2 nights in campsites they have chosen. **Your son/daughter will need to be dropped off at the public car park in Wiveliscombe (near The Bear Inn, TA4 2JY, and opposite the public toilets) by 9.00am on Saturday morning and collected from the same location on Monday afternoon at 4.00pm.** Limited places, allocated on a first come, first served basis, will be available on a minibus travelling from school at 8.00am on Saturday and returning at 4.45pm on Monday. It is important that participants plan their equipment, clothing and food requirements and arrive fully prepared for the expedition as this will form part of the assessment.

Please note once again that **personal mobile phones are not allowed on the expedition** and we appreciate your help as parents in supporting the aims of the expedition to nurture confidence, independence and a sense of adventure. **If participants are found using personal mobile phones during the expedition it can result in the individual or team failing the expedition.** Each team will be provided with a phone for communication with the training staff and for emergency use. If you need to contact your son/daughter or a member of staff during the expedition please ring Mr Kemp (07525 236515) or Mr Harbour (07525 236530) or in an emergency Mrs Alford (07525 236510).

I know many participants are making good progress towards completing their Volunteering, Skill and Physical sections of the Award and appreciate your continued support in encouraging them to do so. Once complete, participants must ask their assessor to submit an Assessor's Report, on paper or online, so that staff in school can approve their activities and pupils can receive their Award. Further information is available on the School website under DofE and on the DofE website at www.dofe.org. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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